GLO. His eyes are humbler than they us'd to be.

K. HEN. How now! what means this, herald ?
know'st thou not,
That I have fin'd these bones of mine for ransom ?
Com'st thou again for ransom ?

MONT. No, great king:
I come to thee for charitable licence,
That we may wander o'er this bloody field,
To book our dead, and then to bury them;
To sort our nobles from our common men ;
For many of our princes (woe the while I)
Lie drown'd and soak'd in mercenary blood ;
(So do our vulgar drench their peasant limbs
In blood of princes;) and their wounded steeds[3]

dispersed. Hardyng, who was himself at the battle of Agincourt, says, the prisoners were put to death, " *save dukes and earles*" Speed, on the authority of Monstrelet, says, "[te] King Henry, contrary to his wonted generous nature, gave present commandment that every man should kill his prisoner, which was immediately performed, *certain principal men excepted:* *' who, as another Chronicler tells us, were tied back to back, and left unguarded. With this account corresponds that of Stowe: who, tells us, that "[tc] on that night, when the King sat at his refection, he was served at his boorde of *those great lords and princes that were taken in the fielde.*' So also Polydore Virgil: " Postquam *bonam partem* captivorum occiderunt." &c. And lastly Mr. Hume, on the authority of various ancient historians, says that Henry, on discovering that his danger was not so great as he at first apprehended from the attack on his camp, " stopped the slaughter, and was still able *to save a great number.*'"

But though this fact were not established by the testimony of so many historians, and though *every one* of the prisoners had been put to death, according to the original order, it was certainly policy in Henry to conceal that circumstance, and to *threaten* to kill them, as if they were living: for the motive that induced the French to rally was, (we are told,) to save these prisoners ; and if

they had been informed that they were already executed, they might have been rendered desperate: at least would have had less inducement to lay down their arms. This however is a disquisition which is not necessary to our author's vindication. He followed the Chronicle just as he found it. MALONE.

3 ,— an<i THEIR wounded steeds—] The old copy reads—

with their," &c. the compositor's eye having probably